

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: LEWIN A.S. et al.

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Application No.: 10/808,042

Examiner: WHITEMAN, B.

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Group: 1635

For: **HERPESVIRUS RIBOZYMES AND VECTORS**

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2006. This response is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period and no fees or extension of time are believed to be due. Although, Applicants believe that no further extensions of time or fees are due, please consider this submission as a petition for any retroactive extension of time needed. The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge the amount due for a one month retroactive extension of time and any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees paid on the filing, or during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.